



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 4

Meeting Date: January 31, 2006
Meeting Location: North East Regional Training Center
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Council Members Present:

Dave Judkins, Regional Manager DCS region 4
Mary Southern, Dekalb County Director DCS
Steve Scott, Adams County Director DCS
Alice Mull, Foster Parent
Andria Eguia, Family Case Manager DCS
Kimberley Wilson, Family Case Manager Supervisor DCS
Judge Michael Kramer, Noble County
Judge James Heuer, Whitley County
Rex McFarren, Allen County CASA

Council Members Absent (with notice)

Jan Lung, Steuben/Lagrange County Director
Judge Charles Pratt (Allen County)

Others In Attendance: Tracy Riggle, White's Foster Care; Kay McGinnis, White's Residential; Sue Romans, Noble County Director

<h2>Meeting Minutes</h2>

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:15 p.m.

1. Introductions of all present at meeting were done.
2. A recap for those present who had not attended previously was completed. Dave Judkins explained the process of service RFP's for the state. Mr. Judkins explained that county directors have spent the last few weeks going over and scoring the RFPs and that there were a large volume for the region. Dave explained that they were difficult to score. Scoring tool consisted of 20 questions with 100 points possible. Mr. Judkins explained that tonight we would ask for the vote of the Regional Service Council (RSC) for the services selected for regional use. The proposal was that all scoring 85 and above be approved for counties to use. If approved the counties will divide up monies available to services. These are zero based contracts. There is no

guarantee from the state but the counties will let providers know what they intend to spend with them.

3. Packets for RFP's and scoring determinations were passed out and Dave Judkins further explained the scoring process. If Directors wanted a particular service in their county they were required to score all of those in that category. If they did not want that service they did not have to score any. Mr. Judkins further explained that just because they didn't score, other counties may have. It was further explained that if someone else is using the service it can be purchased later. (Continue with as many issues were discussed)
 - a. Mary Southern asked if will be doing IV-B funds? Mr. Judkins stated that this is what we (RSC) will identify first.
 - b. Scoring tool used was presented and explained.
 - c. It was further explained that if the counties want new services but they were not in the initial round of RFP's the RSC can request that the state put out a new RFP for those services.
 - d. Move to approve those services scoring 85 or above was made by Judge Kramer. No objections were made, unanimous decision to approve.
 - e. Dave Judkins explained that Directors will make a determination of what services they will allocate there available monies to. For example, if the allocation monies available is \$85,000 they may allocate \$50,000 to company A and \$30,000 to company B. This will give the company an expectation, not a promise, for staff etc. Mr. Judkins explained that this money will be utilized fairly quickly. At some point the counties will start using county funding.
 - f. Dave Judkins explained that this process may change next time around to a centralized process whereby the providers are evaluated by Central office and fewer people will evaluate with providers then given a score of pass/fail.
 - g. Dave Judkins stated he will send information on who providers will be and the amounts counties intend to spend. States this information should be completed soon.

4. Review of minutes from 12-12-05 meeting reviewed and approved.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: March 13, 2006, 4:00 p.m. at Noble County DCS office (107 Weber Rd., Albion, IN)

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:26 p.m.

